



Nebraska Weather and Crops

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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending October 30, 2005, limited to no precipitation fell across the entire state allowing harvest to progress rapidly, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. As harvest progresses, producers continue to be concerned over the shortage of bin space. Above average yields and old crop remaining in storage have resulted in elevators being filled and large amounts of grain in emergency storage.

Weather Summary: Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above. Dry conditions continued across the state with four of the eight districts remaining below normal for precipitation since April 1.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2005

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	12	12	8	19
Short	26	25	29	33
Adequate	62	62	62	47
Surplus	0	1	1	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	20	24	26	40
Short	33	32	35	33
Adequate	47	44	39	27
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.7	5.5	5.2	5.1

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest progressed to 79 percent complete, ahead of last year at 57 and the average at 71. Harvest made the most progress in the central counties.

Soybean harvest progressed to 98 percent, ahead of 95 last year and 94 for the average.

Sorghum harvest moved to 82 percent, ahead of last year at 58 and the average at 76.

Emergence of the wheat crop was at 96 percent, equal to last year and near 97 for the average. Conditions were rated as 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 62 good, and 3 excellent. This is above last year and average.

Proso millet harvest neared completion at 96 percent, ahead of last year at 89 but behind the average at 97.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2005

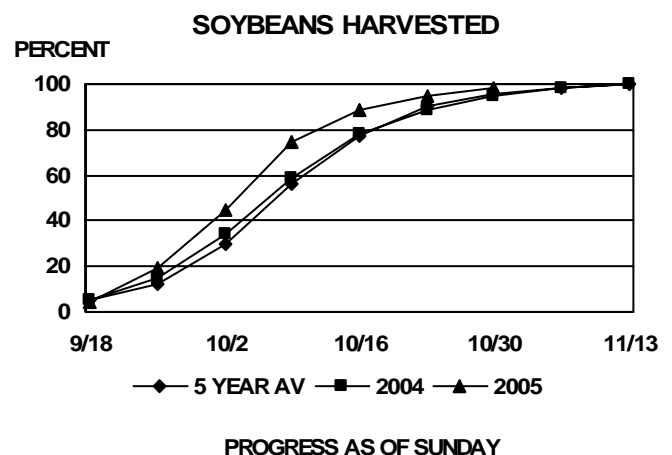
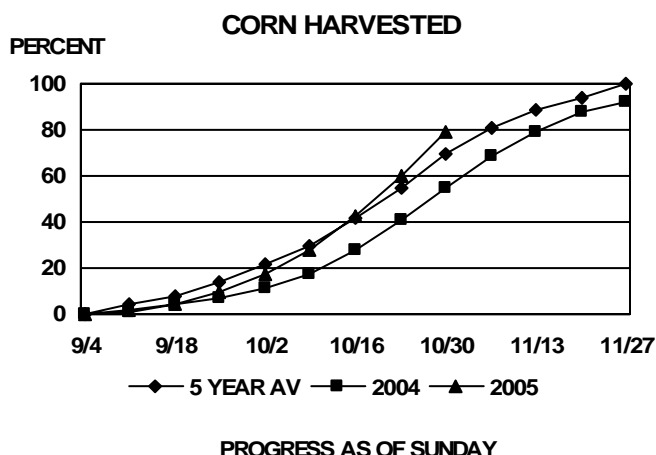
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	79	60	57	71
Sorghum Harvested	82	59	58	76
Soybeans Harvested	98	95	95	94
Wheat Emerged	96	90	96	97

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending October 30, 2005

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	2	6	27	62	3

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 10 percent very poor, 19 poor, 34 fair, 32 good, and 5 excellent. Conditions remain better than last year and the average.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Regional Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>



Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.03	.08	.07	.01	.01	.00	.00
Total since April 1	18.16	22.92	23.11	19.51	19.69	17.40	17.42	21.33
Normal since April 1	13.85	17.87	21.05	19.67	23.18	16.60	19.47	24.37
Total as % of normal	132%	129%	110%	99%	85%	105%	89%	87%

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	73	18	47	+3
	Scottsbluff	72	20	48	+4
	Sidney	71	22	47	+3
NC	Ainsworth	71	19	48	+2
	Arthur	74	21	47	+1
	O'Neill	69	20	47	+1
NE	Concord	66	22	46	-1
	Elgin	69	25	48	+1
	West Point	69	22	47	-2
C	Grand Island	70	22	49	+2
	Lexington	69	20	49	+2
	Ord	70	16	47	0
EC	Lincoln	71	26	51	+2
	Central City	70	20	49	+1
	Mead	71	22	48	-1
SW	Champion	71	18	47	+2
	North Platte	70	19	47	+1
	Curtis	71	18	47	+1
SC	Smithfield	71	21	49	+2
	Minden	71	19	49	+2
	Red Cloud	71	21	49	+2
SE	Beatrice	70	24	49	-1
	Clay Center	69	22	48	+1
	Nemaha	70	27	50	0

Source: High Plains Regional Climate Center and Nebraska State Climate Office